

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>1:30 – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening</b>

**\*\*MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CLOSE VOTES ARE POSSIBLE TODAY, INCLUDING POTENTIAL VOTES ON AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4486 – MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, RELATING TO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLA) AND DAVIS-BACON. ANY EXPECTED ABSENCES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE WHIP’S OFFICE AT x5-3130.**

**\*\*Members are also advised that the GOP Leadership has announced that votes will occur after 7:00 p.m. when the House is considering Appropriations bills, therefore the House may be voting late into the evening today.**

**H.Res. 557 – Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 4486 – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Culberson – Appropriations) and H.R. 4487 – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Cole – Appropriations) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of 2 bills.

For H.R. 4486, the Rules committee has recommended an open Rule that allows any amendments that comply with House Rules to be considered. The Rule provides for one hour of general debate for each bill equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows any Member to submit an amendment under the 5-minute Rule, but allows the Chair to give priority in recognition to those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record. It also allows pro forma amendments and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

For H.R. 4487, the Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows 8 amendments debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. It allows the Chair and Ranking Member to offer pro forma amendments and allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It also waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rule also provides FY 2015 spending allocations for House Committees outlined in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement and deems them to be considered to be the allocations under the Congressional Budget Act. By setting the Appropriations Committee's 302(a) discretionary allocation consistent with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement, House Republicans are able to begin the appropriations process early. House Republicans should use this extra time to ensure that all twelve appropriations bills are enacted before the start of the 2015 fiscal year.

**H.R. 4486 – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Culberson – Appropriations) (One Hour of Debate).** H.R. 4486 appropriates \$71.499 billion in discretionary budget authority for veterans' programs and military construction for FY 2015, which is \$1.8 billion below FY 2014 levels and \$398 million below the President’s request. Accounting for mandatory programs, including veterans’ pensions, the measure provides a total of \$157 billion in spending. The legislation also provides \$58.662 billion in advance appropriations for FY 2016 for veterans’ health benefits.

Republicans are developing this year's spending bills based on the \$1.014 trillion discretionary spending cap agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. The Administration’s SAP calls on Congress to “move forward with an orderly appropriations process that supports economic growth, opportunity, and our national security while avoiding unnecessary fiscal crises that hold the Nation’s economy back.”

***Bill Text for H.R. 4486:***  
[PDF Version](#)



OFFICE OF DEMOCRATIC WHIP STENY H. HOYER

# THE DAILY WHIP

democraticwhip.gov • (202) 225-3130

**Background for H.R. 4486:**

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

[House Report \(PDF Version\)](#)

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, May 1: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 4487](#) – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Cole – Appropriations).

### **The Daily Quote**

"Former [Republican] Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said Wednesday that Republicans should support a 'reasonable' increase in the minimum wage. 'If you're going to talk the talk about being for the middle class and the working person, if we have the minimum wage, it should be reasonably adjusted from time to time,' said Pawlenty, the CEO of the Financial Services Roundtable, which represents 100 top financial services companies in banking, investment and insurance sectors. 'For all the Republicans who come on and talk about, "we're for the blue-collar worker, we're for the working person," there are some basic things that we should be for. One of them is reasonable increases from time to time in the minimum wage,' he added... Pawlenty also said he is a 'supporter of rational and comprehensive immigration reform...'"

- Politico, 4/30/2014